

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
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International application No.

PCT/JP2004/013394

Re Item V.

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:
D1 : US 6 339 748 B1 (HIRAMATSU KAZUNORI) 15 January 2002 (2002-01-15)
D2 : WO 88/09513 A (SAAB MISSILES AB) 1 December 1988 (1988-12-01)
- 2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
Document D1 discloses:

A spatial position detection method for detecting information on a relative spatial position of an object with respect to an interface section having an arbitrary shape and dealing with transmission of information and a signal from one side to the other side of the interface section, the spatial position detection method comprising:

detecting an electromagnetic wave radiated from the object and transmitted through the interface section; and calculating information on spatial position coordinates of the object based on a result of the detecting (cf. abstract and figure).

- 2.1 D1 concerns a coordinate input system for a display apparatus. Due to the extremely general wording of the claims, even documents from completely different fields are novelty destroying for the subject-matter of claim 1. D2 concerns a device for the detection of objects, such as air crafts, missiles, etc., e.g. for military purposes. The device and the underlying position detection method disclosed in the abstract, claim 1 and the figures of D2 show all the features of claim 1.

Hence, the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT in view of document D2 as well.

- 2.2 The same applies for the corresponding device claim 9 because the device features of said claim are also known from D1 or D2 (cf. passages cited above).
- 3 The features of the dependent claims are either known from the cited documents as well or cannot be considered to add anything inventive in view of said documents and the general common knowledge of a person skilled in the art.